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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP/SE

SUBJECT: Daily Progress Report for Tuesday, 12 August 1952

1. BGFIEND. A cable from ^{Seluki} reports that the British plan to infiltrate a team into Albania by sea on 28 August. This team will operate in the Durazzo-Tirana area and will link up with guerrillas who are understood to be operating just south of Tirana. If contact with the guerrillas is made and circumstances permit, the team will remain with the guerrillas during the winter. (IN 26687)

The interrogation of Ali Petrit, the friend who exfiltrated with the Willow Team on 7 July, confirms information received from the Pine and Apple Teams. Petrit stated that the only necessary identification document is the Leter Njoftim (personal identity card), although anyone in the age groups which usually call for past military service should also have a Libreza Ushtarake (military service card). Neither of these documents has been changed. Petrit reported that in his area no organized resistance groups exist although there are a number of anti-Communists who can be counted on to assist any teams who might operate in that district. The population is convinced that the present regime can be overthrown only with outside help. There is no outstanding or well known resistance leader in Albania. Petrit stated that the NCFA, backed by the Americans, is the only hope for freedom although he was more enthusiastic about the

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about the U.S. backing than about the Committee itself. The people distrust both Yugoslav and Greek territorial aspirations but believe that the U.S. will safeguard Albania's borders. Petrit had seen NCFA leaflets and stated that they are a great morale factor. The population is required to pick up the leaflets and turn them over to the authorities but some are kept and passed from hand to hand. Petrit had heard of the food drops and stated that the population did not believe the Communist accusations that the food had been poisoned. Nor does the population believe the Communist propaganda about the help being received from the U.S.S.R. Petrit confirmed that the lek is the only money in circulation and that the possession of gold is highly dangerous and a closely guarded secret; the method of receipt of any dollars exchanged must be strictly accounted for. There is a shortage of all food in Albania and many of the people believe that most of the food goes to Russia.

2. BGCONVOY. No report.
3. QKBROIL. No report.
4. JBEDICT. No report.

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